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A very interesting story about the Lusitania sinking and the medal issued commemorating the sad event will appear in the March issue of TNA NEWS

1st REMEMBER - The of March is the deadline for the April issue

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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There are three months remaining in this convention year. However, those can be the most productive of the twelve.

There will be a different president, first vice president and second vice president and possibly some new district governors.

To the outgoing officers, if you have unfinished business or projects you wish to accomplish now is the last call to do those things. If you are expecting to be elected to a new office now is the time to make plans for the next two years. We have a **GOOD** organization but there is so much that needs to be done to make TNA a **GREAT** organization.

There are three major requirements to attain this goal. First, the membership must be increased to at least 2000. A way must be found to attain non-profit status as an educational organization rather than a social organization.

The basic reason for this change is money. Gifts would be tax deductible and with capital to operate under these conditions the possibilities would be unlimited. Three things that would probably be the first accomplishment would be educational seminars in various areas of the state, a paid director to handle the day to day operations under the direction of the governing board, the organization to operate the annual convention taking a lot of work off a few in the host city and with TNA receiving a greater per cent of the profits and of course TNA taking the responsibility of losses. Of course, none have occured since the present plan has been in effect.

To all TNA members both individual and clubs, don't forget to pay your dues for 1981; TNA needs you and you need TNA. If you are a member of ANA, dues are due now. This is election year and the ANA convention will be in New Orleans, not too far away. Also if you have not made your contribution ot the ANA building fund I urge you to do this at once; this is tax deductible.

Let us all work dihgently together the remainder of this convention year so that the new officers can have great achievements in the near future.

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TNA CANDIDATES ANNOUNCED

The following nominees for officers and district governors to serve the Texas Numismatic Association for 1981-83, a two year term, have been duly nominated. Nominations are now closed. Voting will be by mail ballot, to be sent to each voting member by Mar. 10, 1981. Ballots must be returned in the envelope marked "Official Ballot." Write-in nominations may be made providing that written consent of the nominee has been filed with the TNA secretary by Mar. 10. Biographical data was not complete on all of the nominees.

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PRESIDENT: Lloyd Colvin, 3300 Linda, Amarillo, Tx. 79109

Lloyd is a Life Member of TNA and is presently serving as 2nd vice president. He is active in the Amarillo Coin Club and has served in various offices and on numerous committees.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT: Lyman C. Bartee, Box 1225, Austin, Tx. 78767

Lyman is currently serving TNA as president and in the past has held the offices of district governor and 2nd vice president. He has served as secretary-treasurer of Austin Coin Club for many years. Lyman is also active in the American Numismatic Association and has been named as a Numismatic Ambassador by Numismatic News.

2ND VICE PRESIDENT: Gerald Kendall, Box 55545, Houston, Tx. 77055

Gerald is now serving TNA as district governor and is a regular contributor of articles to TNA NEWS. He is also serving as vice president of Greater Houston Coin Club.

SECRETARY: Eleanor Kennady, 2901 Silverleaf Dr., Austin, Tx. 78757

Eleanor is completing her second term as TNA secretary and is also serving as Austin Coin Club president.

TREASURER: Stanford (Mac) Kennady, 2901 Silverleaf Dr., Austin, Tx. 78757

Mac has been serving as TNA treasurer for many years and is active in the Austin Coin Club. While living in San Antonio before moving to Austin, he was also active in the San Antonio area clubs.

GOVERNORS

DISTRICT I – No nomination

DISTRICT II – August H. Ganze Jr., Box 4102, Odessa, Tx. 79762

Gus has served as TNA governor for many years and is also active in the Odessa Coin Club. He has served as club president (1971-72) and coin show chairman for six years. Gus has resided in Odessa for 17 years with his wife, Betty, and daughter, Karen. He is employed as packaging and warehousing superintendent for the Rexene Co.

DISTRICT III – No nomination

DISTRICT IV – Dr. Robert E. Greenwood, 3203 Breeze Terrace, Austin, Tx. 78722

Dr. Greenwood is active in the Austin Coin Club and has contributed articles to the TNA NEWS. He also travels to other clubs in his district presenting numismatic programs.

DISTRICT V – No nomination

DISTRICT VI – Al Loja, 2022 Ottawa Lane, Houston, Tx 77043

Al was born in pre-war eastern Europe of Latvian parents. During the war he left Latvia and spent six years in Germany prior to emigrating to the U.S. in January, 1951. He started collecting coins in 1950, initially coins of the world, later specializing in crowns of the world and U.S. type coins 1858-1950. His present collecting interests include Russian Imperial coinage, 1763-1917, coinage of the three Baltic Republics and the coinage of the Meiji period of Japan. Al is a member of TNA, ANA and is active in the Greater Houston Coin Club. He is presently serving as club president and has served as vice president, as show bourse chairman and on the advisory board.

DISTRICT VII – Frank Galindo, Box 12217, San Antonio, Tx. 78212

Frank is currently serving as district governor for TNA and is active in the district clubs. He is also an active member of ANA, Society of Ration Token Collectors, Maximilian Numismatic & Historical Society and Elongated Collectors. He is SRTC president and board member of both the Maximilan Society and Gateway Coin Club of San Antonio. In 1977 he received the Roy F. Gates award for outstanding service to the SRTC and he was also recipient of TNA's Lewis M. Reagan Memorial award in 1980 for his contributions to the promotion of numismatics in Texas. Frank and his wife, Karla, actively display numismatic exhibits at coin shows throughout Texas.

DISTRICT VIII – Joe B. Davis, 638 De Lorett, Corpus Christi, Tx. 78404

Joe is one of the founders of TNA and served as the association's first president in 1960. He is a longtime collector and has received many awards including the TNA Lewis M. Reagan Memorial award and Numismatic Ambassador award from Numismatic News.

DISTRICT IX – D. O. Joplin, 212 Cypress, Levelland, Tx. 79336

"Jop" has served many years as district governor and is active in the coin clubs in his area travelling to Lubbock and Littlefield. He has also served as chairman for coin shows and benefit auctions arranged by the various clubs raising hundreds of dollars for the Boys Club of Levelland and Boys Ranch of Lubbock.

DISTRICT X – Walter E. Woelper, 4506 Frankfort Ave., El Paso, Tx. 79903

Walter was born in New Jersey, educated in Virginia, and is now a Texan. He has served three terms as president of the International Coin Club (El Paso) and has also served on the board of directors and show committees. His collecting interest includes coins, paper money and tokens.

DISTRICT XI – Nela Runkle, 4304 Jennie Ave., Amarillo, Tx. 79106

Nela has been an active member of the Amarillo Coin Club for the past 10 years, serving as an officer on the board since 1972. She is a TNA

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LATIN AMERICAN NUMISMATICS

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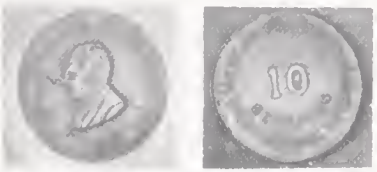
During the 1860s both the Republic of Mexico and the United States of America were dealing with deep crises which were tearing both nations apart. The republican forces of Mexico, loyal to an independent Mexico, were fighting the French army which had invaded Mexico and forced upon the nation an empire under Maximilian of Hapsburg. The United States was involved in the tragic Civil War. These trying times saw a strengthening of the respect, friendship and support of both nations toward each other.

The goodwill and respect each nation had for the other was best represented in the leaders of the two nations – Don Benito Juarez and Abraham Lincoln. The life stories of these men are similar. Both were of humble background, both were lawyers, and both worked themselves up to become the leader of their country.

Benito Jaurez was born in an Indian village in the state of Oaxaca. He was a pure blooded Zapotec Indian and was unable to speak Spanish until the age of 12. Juarez came to the city of Oaxaca to work as a household servant. Instead, his master, a philantrophic creole provided young Benito with an education, intending the boy to enter the priesthood. To the disappointment of his master, he became a lawyer and began his practice in Oaxaca.

Silent and reserved, he quickly earned a reputation for administrative honesty and efficiency and for his democratic ideals. He became governor of his state and performed the job admirably.

Juarez later assumed positions in the national government including Minister of Justice and President of



Oaxaca 10 centavos coin shows bust of Juarez and dated 1915

Bust of Juarez appears on 1957 five peso commemorative of Mexico

the Supreme Court. During the War of the Reform and the crisis that followed, Juarez became the symbol of the constitutional government of Mexico and assumed executive power under the provisions of the Constitution of 1857. Juarez's government was recognized by the U.S. on April 6, 1859. During the presidency of Juarez the Mexican Congress declared a suspension of all foreign debt payments for two years. This move brought about the occupation of Veracruz by European powers and the French intervention.

Following the expulsion of the French, Juarez re-entered Mexico City on July 15, 1867. The following December he was re-elected President. Juarez set out to reorganize the Republic but he was soon faced with revolutions in various parts of the country. He died suddenly from a heart attack on July 18, 1872.

Abraham Lincoln, the 16th U.S. president, was known for his personal charm and wit, and for his democratic principles. Born on Feb. 12, 1809 near Hodgenville, Kentucky, he was the son of Thomas Lincoln, a sturdy pioneer farmer. His mother was Nancy Hanks. The Lincoln family moved from Kentucky to southwest Indiana where the family survived a period of severe poverty and hard work which was further saddened by the death of Lincoln's mother.

In 1830 the Lincolns moved to Illinois where young Abe tried his hand at several occupations including a "rail splitter" and a flatboatman. In 1836 he passed his bar examination and began to practice law. He had taught himself everything necessary to pass the exam. Lincoln began his legal career in Springfield while serving as a member of the Illinois state legislature.

After a long but successful struggle, he was elected U.S. president in 1860. His presidential career was marked by the Civil War which not only tore the nation apart but also detracted him from any social or political change he could have made.

Lincoln is perhaps most remembered for his Emancipation Proclamation. It not only called for the freedom of all slaves in the U.S., but also had worldwide effects, one of which was the bringing of further support to the Northern Cause by the European Powers. Abraham Lincoln was assassinated on the evening of April 14, 1865.

Both Lincoln and his Secretary of State, William H. Seward, from the beginning of the French intervention had recognized Juarez's government as the true government of Mexico. But because of the problems of the Civil War, they could not exert any real pressure on the French to leave Mexico.

Lincoln summed up his feelings toward foreign interests in Mexico in a statement made in March of 1862 – "A foreign monarchy set up on Mexican soil in the presence of European naval and military forces would be an insult to the republican form of government which is the most widely spread on the American continent, and would mean the beginning rather than the end of revolution in Mexico. The sympathies of the United States would be on the side of her sister republic for the liberation of the continent from European control has been a

leading feature of American history in in the past century."

In an effort to win U.S. support for his empire, Maximilian sent a delegate to Washington to confer with Secretary Seward. Seward refused to see the delegate because "it was not the habit of the United States to have official or private dealings with revolutionary agents of a country whose legal president, Benito Juarez, the United States is in diplomatic and friendly relations."

Once officially rebuffed by the U.S., Maximilian's agents in the U.S. spent large sums of money glorifying their life styles in Maximilian's Mexico. Instead of this propaganda being received, it was strongly rejected and republican clubs sprang up throughout the U.S. supporting Juarez and his goals.

As the fortunes of war began to turn and the chances of a northern victory seemed certain, Lincoln issued a stern warning to the French that the U.S. would not stand for any infringement of the Monroe Doctrine and that any European power who intervened in Mexican affairs would sooner or later encounter the hostility of the U.S.

Increased pressure by the U.S. and the development of problems in Europe forced the French to abandon Mexico.

Benito Juarez had tremendous respect for Lincoln and his ideals. He appreciated the support Lincoln's government gave his government and he hoped for a northern victory. French forces chased Juarez and his government from one town to another and quite often Juarez carried out the affairs of the republic from his coach. Juarez had a large picture of Lincoln and this picture travelled with Juarez in his coach whenever and wherever the government moved.

Abraham Lincoln
16th U.S. President

President Juarez was deeply saddened to hear of the death of Lincoln. It is said that when Lincoln died Juarez declared a national day of mourning and ordered flags flown at half mast, an unusual honor for a foreigner.

Numerous coins and notes have been issued honoring these two patriots, also the French during their intervention left a large numismatic legacy.

Lincoln's bust appears on the one cent coin first issued in 1909 and designed by Victor D. Brenner. This common coin has been issued in three varieties including the current one cent with the Lincoln Memorial designed by Frank Gasparro. Lincoln's bust also appears on the Lincoln-Illinois centennial half dollar struck in 1918 to honor the 100th anniversary of the admission of Illinois to the Union.

Benito Juarez and the Constitution of 1857 which he had a large part in writing are honored on one, five and ten pesos coins struck in 1957. Juarez's

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THE ROMAN FORUM

By
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THE ANTONINIANUS

What an unprepossessing title! Perhaps; but let us pursue the subject further. The **Antoninianus** was introduced by Caracalla 198-217 at the very end of 214 A.D. most probably as a double **denarius**. Surprisingly, we do not know the real name of this coin which we call the **Antoninianus** but have accepted this name on the basis of the writers of **Historia Augusta** (1) who refer to "**argenti Antoniniani**." This can also be translated silver of Antoninus and we may, at this point, inject a small theory of our own. In view of the lowering of the silver content which stole from the people and Caracalla's megalomaniacal personality which could not tolerate criticism, these references to "the silver of Antoninus" could, just possibly, be historical recordings of this fact and done in such a way as to escape charges of "treason" for finding fault with the actions of the Emperor.

Weight in favor of the theory that the **Antoninianus** was issued as a double **denarius** may be set forth in the following four facts:

1. The ratio of 2 to 1 is both easier and simpler than that of $1\frac{1}{2}$ or $1\frac{1}{4}$ to 1.
2. A radiate or spiked crown was the Roman method of identifying a double quantity. I. e. the **dupondius** was double the value of an **as** and the radiate crown rather than the heavier weight was the identifying factor of the double **sestertius** especially in the issues of Postumus 259-268. However, the mark of identification on the issues of the royal ladies was not the radiate crown but that the bust rested on a crescent. These marks seem to have developed early in the last half of the first century. An exception to this are the **dupondii** of the women which omit the crescent. So if these markings hold true for the gold and the bronze, why not for the silver as well?
3. The **Antoninianus** and the **denarius** never settled down together for any great length of time in the money system. The "double **denarius**" contained only about $1\frac{1}{2}$ times the silver rather than twice the amount it was accepted to contain.
4. As the pay for a soldier had risen to just over two **denarii** per day (750 per year), this new coin may have been intended to impress the army and to reduce the expense as well. If Caracalla could pay two **denarii** with only

$1\frac{1}{2}$ times the silver, that meant an instantaneous 25% profit.

The main issue of **Antoniniani** began in 215 A.D.(2) Even though Cohen states that this first issue of 214 A.D. is common, there is not a specimen in the British Museum. Mattingly(3) indicates there is a specimen in the Paris Museum and yet another source (4) says this may be a misreading of Cohen 287.

That the **Antoninianus** was not working in the system is quite evident as it was not issued by Elagabalus 218-222 past 219 A.D.(5) and was not struck again until the joint reigns for Balbinus and Pupienus 238 A.D. Severus Alexander 222-235 attempted to restore stability to Rome's coinages and there was struck a **dupondius** bearing the legend **Restitutor Monetae**. However, this is the only denomination bearing the legend(6) which proclaims Severus Alexander to be the "restorer of the monies."

Again we see Gresham's Law in action. The **Antoninianus** at best contained only 40% silver but most usually the content was about 20%.(7) The **denarius** though was of the same fineness, still contained 25% more silver in two of them than in one of the double **denarii**. Therefore, the **denarius** was extensively hoarded while the **Antoninianus** was spent. The **denarius** was not struck as a regular issue beyond Gordian III 238-244 as the **Antoninianus** completely supplanted it. Balbinus and Pupienus made the step to replace the **denarius** with the **Antoninianus**(8) and from that point is all downhill. Late in the joint reigns of Valerian I and Gallienus 253-260 the composition of the **Antoninianus** became bronze with a silver wash applied to the outside which gave the coin a silver content of some 3% to 4%.(9)

Early in the sole reign of Gallienus 260-268, even the pretext of the silver wash was abandoned so that the end product was simply a bronze coin weighing, in most cases, less than the **quadrans** of the first century. These pathetic examples were so bad that an Imperial edict was issued forcing bankers to accept these coins unless they were "altogether bad and rotten."(10)

Things did not begin to mend until Diocletian 284-305 when silver coins were again issued after a lapse of about 40 years. An attempt to improve the **Antoninianus** was made by Aurelian 270-275 but his "improvement" was only a change in the application of the silver wash to a coin which we know as the Post Reform Radiate. Many of them carried the mark XXI which we accept as meaning 20 parts bronze to one part silver. This variation of the **Antoninianus** continued until the time of Constantine I, as Caesar, 306-307 when at that point it became extinct having been replaced by the reduced **follis**.

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COIN IDENTIFICATION THAT CAUSED THE DEATH OF A KING AND QUEEN

. . .and a Vignette about Empress Maria Antonia Josephine Johanna Stephens

Arranged By Glen W. Littrell

On June 23, 1791, in the darkness of the night, at a relay station a few kilometers short of Varennes, France, a Frenchman named Drouet observed a horse drawn carriage scurrying toward the villa. As the vehicle passed beneath a lantern, a face appeared inside the door of the carriage. Although Drouet had never seen this face before, he clearly recognized the features.

The monetary system of France had been revised in 1790 and King Louis XVI's image facing left had been placed on the obverse of the coins. Drouet reached in his pocket and retrieved a brass 12 deniers coin with the King's silhouette confirming his earlier suspicions that he had indeed witnessed the royal family trying to excape from Paris to Austria.

The French people, having just emerged from the Renaissance, had visions of sharing the joys, the wealth and the freedom of a new era. Thus the village of Varennes was keenly aware of the revolutionary activities that had led to the confinement of the royal family. Drouet mounted his horse and taking a short cut to Varennes, told the National Guard what he had observed. This simple act of coin recognition, subsequently led to the capture and execution of the King and Queen of France, and thus changed the entire course of history.

The French Queen in the carriage was the daughter of Empress Maria Theresa of Austria. Her portrait appears on the coins of more foreign countries than any Queen in European history. By edict, Theresa inherited the leadership of the Holy Roman Empire of the Germanic nations. No collection is complete without a Maria Theresa crown.

Antonia was Theresa's 15th child. Old precepts led queens to think of children in terms of intermarriage with the royalty of other countries in an effort to form more powerful alliances. Antonia was reminded many times that she was a descendent of Julius Caesar. Austria was a country of many languages and Antonia could speak German, Italian, French and Austrian at the age of 13.

She spent most of her early childhood at Schonbrunn Castle amid the wealth and influence of leaders in the field of art, music and architecture. She loved drama and music and was soon caught up in the social whirl of concerts, operas and balls.

Empress Maria Theresa, for political reasons desired a marriage between her daughter Antonia and Louis Augusta, heir apparent of France. The

French monarch, after lengthy negotiations agreed upon a marriage contract. As was the custom, neither Antonia nor Louis Augusta was consulted about the proposed union. Antonia and Louis were first married by proxy in April of 1770 at the ages of 15 and 16 respectively. In reality, Antonia was a pledge of alliance between the two great states. The dauphine's name upon the death of King Louis XV became Marie Antoinette, Queen of France.

Antonia fulfilled the formal and domestic requirements of her marriage contract and four children resulted from this union. Only one of the four children is known to have grown to adulthood. Antonia's romantic life was reserved for handsome Count Axel Ferson of Sweden, who at first served as companion and confident and later as her devoted lover.

The young King presented Marie with a chateau in the country that was known as the Petit Trianon. Marie's rich and aesthetic tastes were all to be expressed in this palacial retreat. As the years passed, the economically depressed peasants learned of her extravagant activities and resented her wasteful life.

France joined the Americans in their revolutionary war with England and the success that the colonies experienced influenced the French in their struggle for a better way of life. Soon the revolutionary forces in France activated a chain of events that resulted in governmental chaos and tragedy for the King and Queen. The monarch recognized these insurmountable forces and agreed to relinquish his absolute rule. He refused, however, to compromise his religious beliefs and was obligated to call a meeting of the General States. This body was composed of nobility and clergy who were political adversaries of the King. Their purpose was to check the government and if necessary give leadership to the country.

During the summer of 1789, the state of mind of the nation and the heart of the French underwent a radical change. Perpetual agitation, superficial excitement and frustrations characterized this period of history. Mob hysteria prevailed throughout the capitol. Uncontrolled throngs of people attacked and destroyed the Swiss Guard responsible for the safety of the King and it became necessary to confine the royal family to their quarters. It was now evident that the lives of the King and Queen were in danger.

Marie convinced the monarch that they should plan to escape to Austria where her brother Leopold II was sovereign. The plan included the royal family, Count Ferson, a few faithful servants and loyal military guards. They carried two million dollars to finance the trip. They left Paris under cover of darkness and successfully avoided a disorganized militia. They had only a few kilometers to go as they headed for the town of Varennes. It was here that the Frenchman Drouet inadvertantly recognized the King's silhouette from the coin in his pocket. The caravan was apprehended and escorted back to Paris where the royal couple was placed under maximum security. In Paris, Danton unexpectedly effected a coup d'etate and a central

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MIRIAM GILMORE

THE UNCOMFORTABLE CHAIR

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One of the most favorite holidays is St. Valentine's Day and it is also one of our oldest holidays. It was celebrated thousands of years ago in Rome. The Romans did not call it St. Valentine's Day, but rather "Lubercalia" which means "Feasts of Lubercus." They believed that a god named Lubercus helped protect them from the wolves that roamed about in Rome and caused much fear and damage.

Each year, around the middle of February, the Romans had feasts to honor their god, Lubercus. They gave thanks to him for helping protect them from the wolves. It was fun time; they feasted, danced and played games. For many years the people celebrated Lubercalia. Then the Christian religion came to Rome. Even though the Romans no longer believed in gods, they did not want to give up Lubercalia. It was a happy time so they kept their holiday in February, but now they honored a man of the church. He was a saint who died in Rome on Feb. 14. His name was St. Valentine. Thus, Feb. 14 became known as St. Valentine's Day and the celebration of the day spread.

When the English came to America, they brought St. Valentine's Day with them. It is still a favorite holiday. Once only sweethearts gave valentines to one another. Now we give valentines to people we like . . . Happy St. Valentine's Day!

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Did you know that the Vietnamese people think that rubbing a coin firmly on the skin, accompanied by a medication such as mentholated ointment, alleviates a number of maladies? They claim that the practice will cure a cold, flu, headache, muscle pain, fever, nausea, cough, backache, abdominal pain, neck pain and even seasickness. More than 300,000 Vietnamese have taken up residence in the U.S. in the years since the end of the war and according to an article in the Journal of the American Medical Association, a lot of them do not trust American doctors because doctors do not believe in coin rubbing — "cao gio" in Vietnamese. . .

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Three centuries after a drunken sailor caused the sinking of the Oxford, an English ship, a team of treasure hunters will attempt to raise it from its grave at the bottom of the Caribbean. After two years of research and

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from the secretary

Texas Numismatic Association

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WELCOME to new members 3842-3846. If approved the following will become members March 1981.

3847 (D-13) C. D. Bathman, Box 921, Wichita Falls, TX. 76306. Eleanor Kennady.

3748 (D-8) Ernest E. Howe, 3610 Tiger Lane, Corpus Christi, TX. 78415. John C. Face.

3849 (D-6) Kyle A. Vick III, 3855 Tartan, Houston, TX. 77025. U.S., all coins. Texas Confederacy. Chris Johns.

A-3850 (D-6) Mrs. Janet M. Vick, 3855 Tartan, Houston, TX. 77025. U.S., all. Chris Johns.

3851 (D-5) Luke T. Adams, Rt. 2 Box 17G Greenville, TX. 75401. Dealer B. K. Welch.

DECEASED

1369 Col. Raymond W. Darrah, 3813 Winslow Dr., Fort Worth, TX. 76109.

3263 Anthony Stautzenberger, 9711 Dalliem, Austin, TX. 78753.

RESIGNATION

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VIP AWARD

Chris Johns — Houston, Texas.

COIN IDENTIFICATION —

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commune was established that governed during the "Reign of Terror."

On Jan. 21, 1793 King Louis was executed and later, on Oct. 6 of the same year, Marie Antoinette was afforded a speedy trial and found guilty. In the company of a priest, she was escorted to the scaffold seated in the back of an open manure cart. With poise, dignity and courage, she mounted the platform and at 12:15, just past midnight, her head fell from the guillotine.

Under the commune, Robespierre and a committee for security employed hundreds of prison inmates to execute thousands of "enemies" of the state at the place of the revolution. Here, even the cattle refused to cross the bloody trench under the scaffold. This historic parade grounds is now known as Concorde Square, where crowds now gather to mourn the spot where France bled herself in death. Her life bears witness that often supreme refinement is but a prelude to barbarity.

Pattern silver dollars struck at the Philadelphia mint in 1836, 1838 and 1839 are referred to as the Gobrecht dollars, designed by Christian Gobrecht, assistant engraver at the time.

from the treasurer

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Balance on hand as of Nov 30, 1980			$3,930.09
RECEIPTS:			
TNA News Ads		338.00	
TNA Dues		3,062.00	
Sale of 1980 Medals		30.53	
Rental of Display Cases		735.00	4,165.53
			8,095.62
DISBURSEMENTS:			
TNA Secretary – November payment		150.00	
TNA News Editor – Dec travel allowance & Nov petty cash		165.00	
TNA President – long distance phone calls		50.00	
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Nov issue - 1150 copies	932.50		
Engraving	7.50		
Handling	50.00		
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Central Forwarding, Inc. case handling		42.47	
American Numismatic Association 1981 Dues		15.00	
Eleanor H. Kennady - reimburse for purchase of desk		114.00	
Hart Graphics - copy work		7.77	1,637.52
			6,458.10
Balance on hand as of Dec 31, 1980			6,458.10
*Operating Funds	6,367.21*		
*Encumbered Funds	90.89*		

NOTE: The following funds cannot be used for anything except the purpose for which they are encumbered. The balance above includes these funds except as noted below.

TNA Memorial Library Funds as of Dec 31, 1980	90.89

TNA Life Membership Savings Account as of Nov. 30, 1980	3,836.33
Earned Interest	50.46
Balance as of Dec. 31, 1980	3,887.29
TNA News Continuance Fund Certificate of Deposit as of Dec. 31, 1980	3,461.81

LUKES RETIRE!

Frances and Howard Luke have retired from active participation at Luke Coin & Stamp Supply Co. in Fort Worth.

The Lukes celebrated their retirement at a reception hosted by their children on Jan. 17 at Riverside Baptist Church.

CLUB SALUTE!

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Here's all you have to do to enter competition—submit a typewritten report of club activities during the calandar year of 1980 no later than March 1, 1981, to the TNA News Editor, The Antonian Apts. # L4, 3939 Fredericksburg Rd., San Antonio, Tx. 78201 and include the following:

1. Name of club and how many members.
2. When and where meetings are held.
3. Types of programs and any special programs held during the year.
4. Special guests at meetings.
5. Exhibiting at meetings and outside events.
6. Charitable activities and donations.
7. Coin show activities.
8. Special honors bestowed upon club or any member.
9. Describe how your meetings and shows are publicized.
10. List any ideas your club has adopted to increase interest.
11. What each club did to further and encourage numismatics.
12. Work done on a local level to increase club membership.
13. Local civic projects that enhanced the club locally and/or statewide.
14. Programs designated to continue and generate interest in the local coin club.
15. Particular actions employed to encourage junior members locally and statewide.

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FEBRUARY 27-28, MARCH 1

INTERNATIONAL COIN CLUB, annual show, Rodeway Inn, Bassett Center, El Paso.

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MARCH 14-15

CORPUS CHRISTI COIN CLUB, 23rd annual Collectors Show, Exposition Hall. BOURSE: Carl Lobell, Box 3025, Corpus Christi 78404

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MARCH 21-22

SOUTH PLAINS COIN CLUB, Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. WRITE: Club, 3521 - 66th Dr., Lubbock 79413

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MARCH 28-29

WACO COIN CLUB, annual coin & stamp show. BOURSE: Aubrey Carpenter, 1301 N. 62, Waco 76710

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MAY 1-3

TEXAS NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION, 23rd convention, North Park Inn Convention Center, hosted by Dallas Coin Club.

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JUNE 11-14

GARDEN STATE NUMISMATIC ASSN., 6th annual convention, Hyatt Cherry Hill, Cherry Hill, New Jersey

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JULY 28-AUGUST 2

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSN., annual convention, Rivergate Convention Center, New Orleans, La.

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AUGUST 8-9

DALLAS COIN DEALERS ASSN. show, Northtown Shopping Center Mall, I.H.1 (1635) & Webb Chapel, Dallas. WRITE: DCDA, 2901 Valley View # 122, Dallas 75234

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SEPTEMBER 12-13

SAN ANGELO COIN CLUB, 21st annual show, San Angelo Convention Center. WRITE: Bourse Chairman, Box 2414, San Angelo 76902

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SEPTEMBER 12-13

AUSTIN COIN CLUB, annual show, Quality Inn South. WRITE: Club, Box 1225, Austin 78767

MINI NEWS TIME!

The 1981 Texas Numismatic Association convention is approaching rapidly and May 1, 2, 3 will be here before we realize it! So it's time to begin preparation on the Mini News – the pocket-size booklet which familiarizes convention visitors with TNA, its history, and advantages of being a member.

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TEXAS District Meetings

DISTRICT I –

Joe Wade
Governor

Thirty one attended the Christmas party at Red Bandana Steak House hosted by **Stephenville Coin Club**. A social hour preceded the dinner.

Morris Johnson asked members to make donations to the American Heart Assn. in memory of Col. Raymond Darrah who passed away in November in Ft. Worth. – **Mary Miller, Sec.**

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DISTRICT V –

Barney Welch
Governor

New officers for **Dallas Coin Dealers Assn.** are: Kenny Smith, president; Sam Craig, 1st vice president; Joe Lowrey, 2nd vice president, Dr. Don Peterson, sergeant at arms; Emogene Timmons, treasurer, and Wm. L. Timmons, publicity-secretary.

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Dr. Arthur A. Smith gave a talk on the future outlook on gold and silver at the December meeting of **Dallas Coin Club**. Dr. Smith was introduced by A. L. Clinkenbeard.

Sixty attended the meeting and holiday dinner. Winning door prizes of 1980 proof sets and poinsettia plants were Peggy Allman, Eddie Boone, Bettye Hackney, Robert Koerth, Bill Marr, David Palmer, Harold Pincus, and Barney and Gertrud Welch. – **Frank Clark, Sec.**

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Col. Charles A. Wingo, past TNA president, installed the new officers during the annual **Garland Coin Club** Christmas party held at Sheraton Inn Northeast.

Installed were James M. Brown, president, Jack Spann, vice president, and Lucretia Johnson, secretary-treasurer.

Members approved the sponsorship of an award for the best exhibit entered in the novice or "first time to exhibit" category at the TNA convention in Dallas on May 1-3.

Following invocation by George Johnson, 42 members and guests enjoyed a holiday dinner. Col. Wingo gave a talk on "Paper Money Christmas Story" using the names of banks and vignettes on national currency to illustrate his narrative.

The club meets the second Tuesday of each month at Garland Women's Bldg., 713 Austin St., and everyone is welcome. – **Lucretia Johnson, Sec.**

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The **Texomaland Coin & Stamp Club's** annual Christmas party was

held at Hotel Denison with 40 members and guests attending

After dinner, Col Charles Wingo presented a program which he called a paper money Christmas story He described a fictional "First American Christmas" and illustrated his talk by displaying U S paper money containing pictures, names and phrases relating to his Christmas story

Club President Barney Welch presented a special numismatic award to the club's outgoing secretary-treasurer, John K. Meggimson who, after completing 20 years of service, had asked to be "retired." He had held his office longer than any other club secretary in the Texas Numismatic Assn He received a standing ovation from the membership

Welch also presented awards to outgoing vice president James Cole and to the exhibitors at the club's recent coin show Gertrud Welch received special recognition for providing a variety of homemade cakes and cookies for the club's "refreshment breaks." Col Wingo was then called upon to install the newly elected officers for 1981

Before proceeding, Wingo presented an award to Welch as outgoing president and then installed the following Welch, president, Shane Fulmer, vice president, Jim Terlinger, secretary, and Meggimson, treasurer – **Col Charles A. Wingo, TNA Rep**

A nice rubbing can be made of a coin by placing it under a piece of paper, holding it firmly in place and rubbing the paper lightly with a lead pencil With a little practice you will become an expert

DISTRICT VI –

Gerald Kendall
Governor

Eating, drinking, games, general merriment, etc was on tap for members and guests of **Greater Houston Coin Club** planned for the annual Christmas party at First Unitarian Church. Ellen Morrow was in charge of refreshments and Gerald Kendall was named to plan the games and prizes

During a previous meeting, James L. Hodnett was appointed to serve as general chairman of the 25th annual Money Show for 1982. Final plans were made for the 1981 Money Show on Jan 23-25 at Adam's Mark Hotel

Jay Jackson presented a program on "Souvenir Cards – The Patterns of the 20TH Century?" Jackson also won the door prize. – **Club Bulletin**

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DISTRICT VII –

Frank Galindo
Governor

Darwin Palmer planned to give a program on "Large U S Cents" at the Jan 22 meeting of **Alamo Coin Club** of San Antonio, according to the club bulletin It was pointed out that the large coppers were struck in many types and varieties before the cost of copper caused a size reduction in the cent

During the November meetings Lee Grossman illustrated his program on the White Rajas of Sarawak with

coins of then reign, and Marcus Brown led a discussion on buying high grade silver dollars through the mail and the grading discrepancies involved.

Special prizes were won by David Toedt, Jack Calhoun, Del Cooke, Alfonso Cardenas, Edd O'Conner, Harold Eiserloh, Ed Brumi and Grossman.

There were no meetings held in December due to the holidays.

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Frank Galindo gave a program on the history of the U.S. Christmas seals at the Dec. 18 meeting of **Gateway Coin Club** of San Antonio. A complete collection of the seals was on display for all to view.

At the Dec. 4 meeting, Ted Almquist presented a program on one of the large U.S. Notes in his currency collection – the "One Papa" as it is called.

Members voted to purchase two numismatic books to be donated to the Ft. Sam Houston Post Library. Prize winners included Lee Grossman, Eric Hutcheson, Homer Mason, Verna Miller, Ed Brumi, Vincent Grubbs, Katheren England, Chuck Klein, Marcus Brown, Richard and Eddie Vasquez, Al Stephens, Joe Olson and Almquist. – **Karla Galindo, Sec.**

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A Xiqui (pronounced zee-kee) is a chopping knife from the Aztec days. The knife was worth 8,000 cocoa beans.

DID YOU KNOW? It is illegal to put any type of advertisement on United States currency and conviction can carry a heavy penalty.

DISTRICT VIII –

The 23rd annual **Corpus Christi Coin Club's** Collectors Show will be held Mar. 14-15 at Exposition Hall. Bourse applications may be obtained from Carl Lobell, Box 3025, Corpus Christi 78404.

Joe B. Davis
Governor

Floyd Bieniek showed a crime prevention film on how senior citizens can help protect themselves from crime. The principal theme was "Don't flash or carry a lot of money and don't go anywhere alone." Scheduled for the next meeting was a film on "The Story of the Aztec Calendar."

Club President C. H. Roberts appointed a committee to review a possibility of re-establishing the Assay Commission which had been held annually at the Philadelphia Mint and discontinued several years ago. Ross Barrera reported that the ANA had called him to seek his assistance in getting local numismatists to send in a petition to Washington, D.C. for re-establishment. – **Club Bulletin.**

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New officers are serving **Liberty Coin Club** of Corpus Christi and include Ross Barrera, president; David Walzel, 1st vice president; Richard Irby, 2nd vice president; Amber Luttrell, secretary; and Louis Gonzales, treasurer.

The new officers were installed at the annual Christmas party and dinner at Chung Mei Restaurant.

At the Nov. 25 meeting, Glen Luttrell presented a program on Marie

Antoinette and The Coin That Killed a King and a Queen." – **Club Bulletin.**

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DISTRICT IX –

D. O. Joplin
Governor

Thirty four members and guests attended the annual Christmas party, dinner and benefit auction hosted by **Levelland Coin Club**. The group was joined by members of **South Plains Coin Club** of Lubbock, **Lamb County Coin Club** of Littlefield and members of Leveland Boys Club. The auction was held to benefit the Boys Club.

The auction netted $810.57 with items being donated by local merchants and D. O. Joplin charge of collecting the merchandise. Floyd Nesbitt conducted the auction.

The opening prayer was given by John Roberts and Jim Hall gave the closing prayer. – **D. O. Joplin, Gov. Dist. 9.**

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Dee O'Donnell received the Outstanding Member plaque for 1980 presented by **South Plains Coin Club** of Lubbock. Ed Chauncey donated the plaque. Members enjoyed a holiday dinner and a benefit auction for Texas Boys Ranch. The auction realized $600.05.

Mel Winger, assistant manager of the Boys Ranch, discussed the schooling, work and chores done by the 17 boys now housed there. Also present from the Ranch were M. Lara and Tim Velasquez. Forty persons attended the dinner at Gridiron Restaurant. – **D. O. Joplin, Gov. Dist. 9.**

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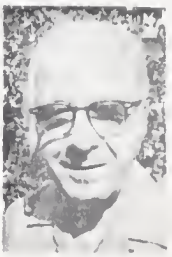
DISTRICT X –



John N. Berger
Governor

The annual coin show sponsored by **International Coin Club** of El Paso will be held Feb. 27-28 and Mar. 1 at Bassett Center Rodeway Inn. All bourse tables are sold out for the 18th annual show.

Walt Woelper was nominated to the position of District 10 governor of the Texas Numismatic Assn. Richard Worthington was in charge of the program and presented a slide set on U.S. Commemorative half dollars. Door prize winners were Ed Young and John Berger. It was announced that the Christmas party would be held Dec. 18 at Terrazos Restaurant. – **John N. Berger, Gov. Dist. 10**

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The semi-annual meeting and Christmas party for members of **Spanish Trail Collectors Club** was planned for Dec. 15 at Wyatt's Cafeteria, Bassett Center in El Paso.

The Dewey Fields award was to be presented to the outstanding contributor for promotion of the club. Frank Fox is club president.

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The historic pillar dollar or piece of eight, first struck at the Mexico City mint in 1735, was later produced at a number of Spanish Colonial mints in Chile, Columbia, Bolivia, Peru and Guatemala.

DISTRICT XI –

Tommy Tompkins
Governor

Dr. Wm. Stout will serve **Amarillo Coin Club** as president for 1981 assisted by John Jenkins, 1st vice president; Curtis Maple, 2nd vice president; Rosemary White, secretary; Jim Jordan, treasurer; and Roy Wilson, TNA representative.

Jim Jordan was to give the program at the January meeting on "The Royal Maundy Coins." The charity auction held in December for needy families netted almost $600.00. – **Club Bulletin.**

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DISTRICT XIII –

Bill Howard
Governor

Award presentation highlighted the annual Christmas meeting of **Wichita Falls Coin & Stamp Club** when members met for dinner Dec. 18 at Underwood's Cafeteria. During the year, members had participated in mini-exhibit shows and the best of all were announced with first prizes going to W. R. Lunsford for coins and to E. W. Hurn for stamps.

For displays at the recent show sponsored by the club, first place for coin exhibit went to Virginia Essex for her collection of love tokens and to William Rust Jr. for a display of stamps and covers.

Members were notified of meetings by postal card. These cards were returned to the club and a drawing held to award door prizes. Mrs. Pat Boruff, J. A. Talley, Mrs. M. D. Goolsby and O. V. Hampton were the lucky members.

President Morris goolsby acted as toastmaster and introduced J. O. Henson, memory expert who astounded the members with his unusual feats of recall. When questioned about events in any year from 1906 until the present he could name winners of championship events and interesting facts about them. Henson said that he had quit this hobby in 1956 and decided to resume it in the past year because he was interested to see if the added 24 years of age made any difference in his ability to memorize and recall. He said that age had nothing to do with it. He does it as rapidly now at 75 as he did at 50. He has been named as a candidate for inclusion in the Guiness Book of Records.

Goolsby presented a plaque for long time service as secretary-treasurer to Pauline Copelin and then introduced James A. Talley as the new club president. Talley honored Goolsby with a plaque for his fine year of service as president. He then introduced other officers for the new year who included E. W. Hurn, vice president, Rebecca Pemberton, secretary, and Nancy Lemmond, treasurer.

Fifty five members and guests enjoyed the affair. – **Pauline Copelin, Sec.**

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A mint was established at Dalles City, Ore. in 1864 but it was never equipped for production. The building was donated to the state of Oregon.

DISTRICT XV –

Jerry A. Williams
Governor

Members of **Beaumont Coin Club** and **Greater Port Arthur Coin Club** met together in November due to Thanksgiving falling on GPACC's meeting night. Both clubs conducted business sessions followed by an auction.

The Beaumont club planned a Christmas party at Luby's Cafeteria and the Port Arthur club's party was to be held at Schooner Restaurant.

Door prizes were won by Naomi Beck and Tim Carr. – **Club Bulletin.**

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The Ramada Inn in Orange was the scene for the Christmas party planned by members of **Greater Orange Coin Club** on Dec. 16. A report on the party was given by Ike Bilowich at the regular meeting Dec. 1.

Doug Hales gave an informative program on fractional currency. He said it was printed from 1826 to 1876. It came about because of the scarcity of hard money. The main topic of discussion was fractional shields issued by the U.S. Treasury in 1866 and 1867. There were 39 uniface notes on each shield which came with grey, pink or green background.

Door prize winners were Amber Hudson, Buck Dowden and Jerry Williams. Dewey Scott conducted the auction. – **Lucy Canter, Reporter**

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ROMAN FORUM —

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UNCOMFORTABLE CHAIR —
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exploration, the ship has been located off the coast of Haiti, according to a spokesman for the Paris-based Cartier jewelry firm. They hope to raise it some time this spring.

The three-masted war ship is believed to contain the personal fortune of Capt Henry John Morgan, a flamboyant 17th century Welsh buccaneer who operated in the Caribbean against the Spaniards. It is thought to include a large amount of gold coins, silver plates and goblets, precious gems and weapons trimmed in gold and silver. The Oxford, built in 1655, went down on Jan. 2, 1669 and historic documents say it sank quickly after a sailor, celebrating during a drinking bout, caused an explosion in the ship's powder room when he fired off a volley of shots.

If you think education is expensive, try ignorance . . . adios & thirty

TNA CANDIDATES —
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member, is an active person at TNA conventions and attends the meetings Her daughter, Linda, is presently serving as TNA youth chairman

DISTRICT XII – No nomination
DISTRICT XIII– No nomination
DISTRICT XIV – No nomination
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LATIN AMERICAN —

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bust also appears on the 25-peso coin struck in 1972. He was also honored on a large series of coins issued in Oaxaca in 1915 during the revolution.

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(Author's Note) – I wish to thank those persons responsible for selecting me as the 1979 winner of the Kalvert K. Tidwell Literary Award. I consider it a great honor. I also appreciate the comments I have received concerning my writing. My apologies for not contributing any articles these past few months. Considering the tremendous jobs that our elected and appointed officials perform, the supplying of an article for TNA NEWS is a very small task. These past few months have been busy. With the help of many people, I have established a full time Mexican coin dealership. I will now make a sincere effort to again supply articles for TNA NEWS on a regular basis.

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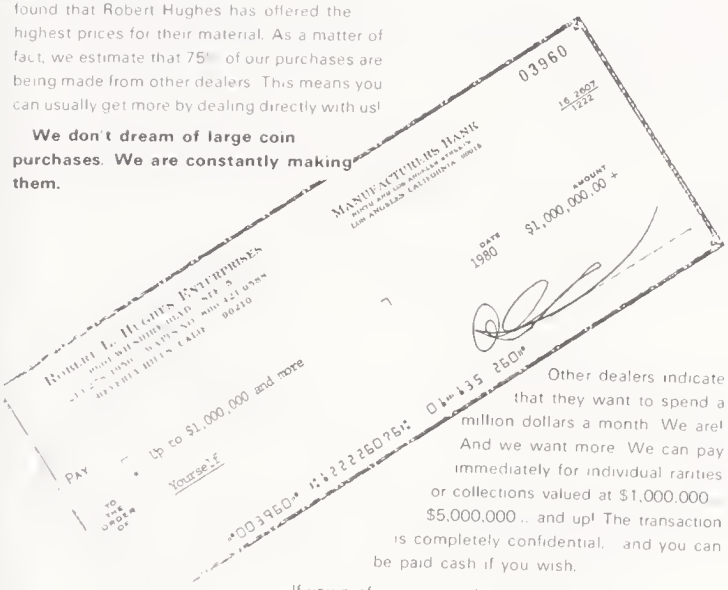

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